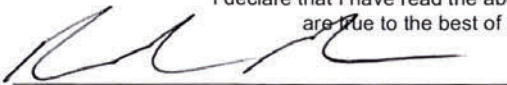


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
**CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION
OR ITS AGENTS**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
Case 18-CB-312600	Date Filed February 17, 2023

INSTRUCTIONS: File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. LABOR ORGANIZATION OR ITS AGENTS AGAINST WHICH CHARGE IS BROUGHT			
a. Name Trader Joe's United		b. Union Representative to contact Seth Goldstein - Union Attorney sgoldstein@workingpeopleslaw.com	
c. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) Unknown		d. Tel. No. Unknown	e. Cell No. 646-460-1309
		f. Fax No.	
		g. e-mail Bargaining@traderjoesunited.org	
h. The above-named labor organization has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(b) and (list subsections) (3) of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.			
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) (see attachment)			
3. Name of Employer Trader Joe's East Inc.		4a. Tel. No.	b. Cell No.
		c. Fax No.	
		d. e-mail	
5. Location of plant involved (street, city, state and ZIP code) Store 725 - 721 S Washington Ave., Ste. 101, Minneapolis, MN, 55415		6. Employer representative to contact Rick Marks	
7. Type of establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Retail - Grocery	8. Identify principal product or service		9. Number of workers employed ~120
10. Full name of party filing charge Trader Joe's East Inc.			
11. Address of party filing charge (street, city, state and ZIP code) 1111 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20004		11a. Tel. No.	b. Cell No.
		c. Fax No.	
		d. e-mail rick.marks@morganlewis.com	
12. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  (signature of representative or person making charge) Rick Marks, Counsel for Trader Joe's East Inc (Print/type name and title or office, if any)			Tel. No.
			Cell No.
			Fax No.
			e-mail rick.marks@morganlewis.com
Address 1111 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC 20004			Date 2/17/2023

**WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)
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Attachment

Beginning on or around November 29, 2022 and continuing to date, Trader Joe's United has failed and refused to bargain in good faith in violation of Section 8(b)(3) of the National Labor Relations Act by, inter alia, requiring approval of non-bargaining unit employees employed at the Company's Hadley, Massachusetts and Louisville, Kentucky stores before reaching tentative agreements related to a Minneapolis collective bargaining agreement (reached on February 17, 2023); refusing to bargain a collective bargaining agreement covering only the Board-certified Minneapolis bargaining unit; and insisting on non-mandatory subjects of bargaining in the Minneapolis negotiations, including insisting on a multi-employer bargaining unit and recognition of a non-certified bargaining unit in order for Trader Joe's United to participate in negotiations.



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February 22, 2023

Trader Joe's United
140 North Hampton Avenue
Springfield, MA 01109

Re: Trader Joe's United (Trader Joe's East Inc.)
Case 18-CB-312600

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Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney KAITLIN E. KELLY whose telephone number is (952)703-2885. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Attorney ASHOK C. BOKDE whose telephone number is (952)703-2894.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

February 22, 2023

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

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Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,



JENNIFER A. HADSALL
Regional Director

Enclosure: Copy of Charge / Notice of Federal
Mediation and Conciliation Services
for Bad Faith Bargaining Allegations

cc: [Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services](#)

Seth Lewis Goldstein, Attorney
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Peoples Law Center
1 Whitehall Street, 16th Floor
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

TRADER JOE'S UNITED

Charged Party

and

TRADER JOE'S EAST INC.

Charging Party

Case 18-CB-312600

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on February 22, 2023, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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140 North Hampton Avenue
Springfield, MA 01109

Seth Lewis Goldstein, Attorney
Julien, Mirer & Singla, a Working
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1 Whitehall Street, 16th Floor
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Date

Olga Bestilny, Designated Agent of NLRB

Name

/s/ Olga Bestilny

Signature

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Very truly yours,



JENNIFER A. HADSALL
Regional Director

cc: [Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services](#)

Rick Marks, Attorney
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004-2541

Enclosure

1. Copy of charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire
3. Notice of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services for
Bad Faith Bargaining Allegations

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME

CASE NUMBER
18-CB-312600

1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION
OR FORMATION

B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

YES

NO

A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value.
\$ _____

B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____

C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____

H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)

☐ \$100,000 ☐ \$250,000 ☐ \$500,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.

I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME

TITLE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

SIGNATURE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

DATE

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